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Allocation for Higher Agricultural Education
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has paid special attention to the Department of Agriculture Research and Education and increased budget allocation for the higher agricultural education by 47.4% during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, college-wise;

(c) whether with the aim of educating maximum number of youths, 100 training centres have been identified across the country to train farmers under the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Advanced Agricultural Education Scheme; and

(d) if so, the number of training centres identified under the scheme in Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) Yes, Madam. Taking the base year as 2013-14 (Rs. 405.00 crore), there was an increase of more than 47% in the Year 2016-17 as per the Budget Estimate of Rs. 600 crore.

(b) The support under the Scheme "Strengthening and Development of higher Agricultural Education in India" during the XII Plan was provided to the Agricultural Universities, which in turn distribute the funds to their constituent colleges. The grant is not released to the colleges.

(c) A new scheme "PDDUUKSY" has been started by ICAR from 2016-17 with a vision of bringing transformational changes in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help in building the architecture of an Inclusive India and to connect institutes of higher education with local communities for bringing development changes in rural India through participatory processes and appropriate technologies for accelerating sustainable agricultural growth. 100 farmers training centers across the country have been identified to impart training on Organic Farming, Natural Farming and Cow based Economy with the following objectives:-

1. To building skilled Human Resource at village level relevant to national needs towards organic farming and sustainable agriculture.
2. Provide rural India with professional support in the field of Organic Farming/Natural Farming/Rural Economy/Sustainable Agriculture.
3. To extend other activities of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Unnat Krishi Shiksha Yojana at village level through these established centres.

(d) In Rajasthan five training centers have been identified. Out of five training centres, two training centres have been established under the supervision of Shri Karan Narendra Agriculture University, Jobner, one centre under Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner, one centre under Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur and one centre is under the supervision of Agriculture University, Kota.

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